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Busy night at Christmas Village





It was a packed house again this year at the Clinton County Learning Center for the annual Clinton County Homemakers sponsored Christmas Village. The annual event gives children the chance to participate in a host of holiday related events, including the opportunity to get some early Christmas Shopping done without being spied on by those they are shopping for.

Above, Clinton County Extension Agent Christy Nuetzman tried to convince a young boy that Santa was a nice fellow - but he wasn't having anything to do with the jolly old fellow.

At left, Santa's Helper Kelsie Payne helped Angel pick out some gifts from the display table.

Below, more of Santa's Helpers wrapped gifts that young shoppers had picked out during their shopping experience.

Clinton County High School student members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and members of the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) worked as Santa's Helpers.



Council hears update on water extension project along Albany Bypass

Albany City Council met in regular session for the final time this year last Tuesday, December 2 with five of six members present. The meeting was brief with only a few items of business on the agenda.

Albany Mayor Smith first gave a brief update on the only ongoing water related project, that being the proposal to extend a 12-inch water line along the bypass from the Perry Hay farm north to the Hwy. 738 intersection.

A preliminary study and cost estimate has been completed with the project to cost approximately $1.9 million. Funding would come from a combination of grants and low-interest loans from USDA's Rural Development program.

Engineers are now conducting other preliminary work, including an environmental assessment, which is expected to be completed by mid-

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Fred Thrasher, Clinton native, famed artist, announces retirement from commercial canvas work

[Editor's note: The following article was written by Tim Minton and reprinted from The Commonwealth-Journal, Somerset, Kentucky. Fred Thrasher is a Clinton County native who currently resides in Somerset, Kentucky]

After 37 years, Fred Thrasher's artistic career is coming to an end.

Thrasher, 67, one of Kentucky's most renowned and respected artists, will be offering his last commercial print entitled "Family Heritage" for sale. He is limiting his final piece--a serene snow-blanketed farm landscape--to 500 signed and numbered prints, and 150 artist proofs.

The print is part of a series that Thrasher has collaborated on with his son, Dennis, and his grandson, Colby, who each contributed to the original painting.

Thrasher described the moment as "bittersweet" but said he relishes the shared opportunity to officially retire with family present and the ability to have them contribute to his final print.

Even though his professional journey as an artist who focused on landscapes, nature scenes and historical landmarks has ended, Thrasher insisted that he will continue to paint as a hobby in retirement.

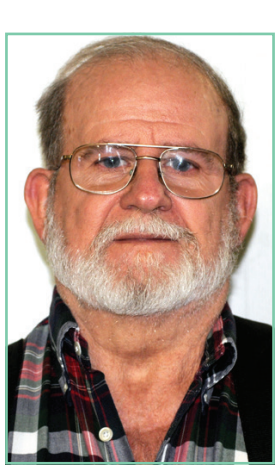
Thrasher's life has been a journey. Although he painted professionally and sold his work for 37

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Rick Tallent of Tallent's Outdoor Advertising, and City of Albany employee Chad Asberry, teamed up last week to give the town a holiday flair, installing banners and lights along city streets.

'Smitty' leaves Albany City Council after over 30 years



James "Smitty"Smith

One of the longest serving public officials, in either city or county government, will be exiting office after this month following a cumulative 31 years as a member of the Albany City Council.

James "Smitty" Smith, 79, was first elected to a seat on the council back in 1978 and barring a couple of terms in which he did not serve, put in a total of over three decades, including one term being for three years when state government pushed to make all local elections fall in "even" years, which gave elected officials an extra year to serve back in the 1990s.

Smith, who is also a now-retired long-time businessman and farmer, served a total of 15 terms and recalls when he was first on the council, the position paid a hefty $1 per month.

The outgoing councilman has seen a lot of changes within the city and county over the years and decades and noted some of the more major accomplishments that have taken place over that time.

Smith served when city water became available to almost all residents

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Sports
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Weather
Clearing skies with warmer temperatures as the week progresses. Mostly sunny through Sunday, with highs warming to the mid to upper 50s by Sunday

Last Year
Headlines from the front page one year ago:

CCHS awarded $25,000 in State Farm Insurance contest

Jail escapee back behind bars

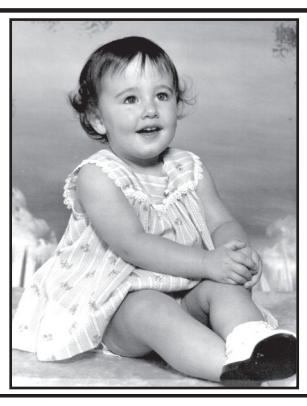
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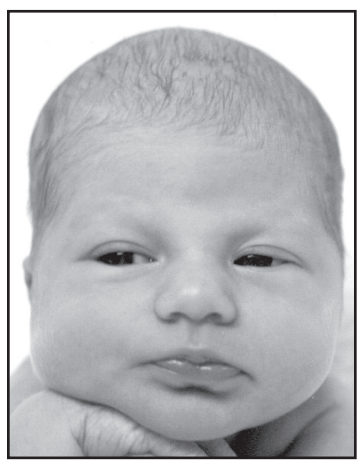
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BIRTHS



Colton Ray Hood

Jaxon is proud to announce the birth of his little brother, Colton Ray Hood. Colton was born September 2, 2014 at 10:40 a.m. at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital and weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. Proud parents are Michael and Shanice Hood. Grandparents are Carolyn and the late Mark Garner, Clyde and Charlotte Hood and the late Mary Wanda Hood. Great-grandparents are Kenneth Garner and Linda Garner, Jimmy and Glenda Rose and the late Wendell and Mammie Lee Brown.



Lauren Alexandra Harrod

Robert Harrod would like to announce the birth of his sister, Lauren Alexandra, who was born September 11, 2014. Lauren weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19" long and was born at Livingston Regional Hospital at 3:36 p.m. Proud parents are Matt and Ashley Harrod of Albany. Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Letha Beaty. Paternal grandparent is Betty Duvall. Great-grandmother is Coleen Dulworth, all of Albany.

Library Notes

by: Gayla Duvall

What's new at the Clinton County Public Library? ww.clintoncountypubliclibrary.org.

Best Sellers: *The Escape* by David Baldacci; *Revival* by Stephen King; *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham; *The Mistletoe Promise* by Richard Paul Evans; *The Burning Room* by Michael Connelly; *The Cinderella Murder* by Mary Higgins Clark; *Flesh and Blood* by Patricia Cornwell; *The Job* by Janet Evanovich; *41* by George W. Bush; *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult; *Killing Patton* by Bill O'Reilly.

Christmas at the library will be Saturday, December 13 from 9-11 a.m. Come join us for a visit with Santa, ornament making, cookies, cocoa and more!

Can you find "Uncle Si the Christmas Elf?

Each day during the month of December, Uncle Si the Christmas Elf will be up to mischief at the Clinton County Public Library. Come by and see if you can find him, then stop by the desk, tell us where he is located and you will be entered into a drawing to win a Christmas surprise!

* Intended for adults 18 and over.

You never know what you'll find at the public library!



Thurman celebrates 99th birthday

Sallie Thurman celebrated her 99th birthday December 5, 2014. with her children, Bill and Barb Thurman, Mary and Jesse Grider, Regina and Jim Burcham, Betty and Dan Hughes, Kimble Mishler and a lot of grandchildren. She's a great and wonderful mother and grandmother. We love you very much.



Six-year-old Shelton receives award



Fairland Missionary Baptist Church has been working all year on the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children in need. Nevina Shelton has saved dimes for her Sunday School class to help pay shipping costs for each shoe box. Her classroom raised around $140.00. Nevina surprised everyone at church when she came dragging tote bag with all of her savings from her own piggy banks. She donated $202.14. Bro. Jim Simpson surprised Nevina when he presented her with a plaque for Outstanding Missionary Work. Nevina is the 6-year old granddaughter of Darlene Irwin and very loved at Fairland Church. She's also in first grade at Albany Elementary School. Fairland sent 102 shoe boxes with everyone's help.

Recital and masterclass includes students from Albany

The South Central Kentucky Music Teachers Association presented a recital and masterclass with Dr. Zachary Lopes on November 8, 2014 at the Wayne Theatre in Monticello.

Three masterclass performers were members of the studio of Janice Warhurst of Albany. Those musicians were Alissa Cook, Delilah Talbott and Molly Morgan.

Dr. Lopes is a professor of piano at Western Kentucky University and is an active piano soloist/collaborative artist. Dr. Lopes' recital program on November 8 included works by Rameau, Beethoven, a nd VillaLobos.

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Several CCHS Band members compete at Campbellsville



Several members of the Clinton County High School Band recently participated in Band Day at Campbellsville University. Those participating from Clinton County pictured above are, front row: Tori Mason. Keisha Patrick, Kendra Craft and Carrie McClellan. Second row: Brooke Little, Alisha Thompson, Shanelle Stinson, Kaylee Burchett, Dana Guffey, Brooke Groce and Jada York. Third row: Kamron Smith, Christan Smith, Taylor Albertson and Brooke Wright. Fourth row: J.R Rich, Austin Shadoan, Thomas Holsapple, Cody Starnes and Hunter Rigney

These students learned music and choreography for a pre-game show with the Tiger Marching Band of CU and performed with this same group at a collegiate football game that same afternoon. Pictured are those marching band students who represented Clinton County so well at this prestigious event. Congratulations.



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Christmas Sing-A-Long at Foothills Community Church

Foothills Community Church (formerly Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God) will be hosting a Christmas Hymn Sing-A-Long with gospel recording artist Steve Ladd on Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. Steve has been with many award winning groups including the Gold City Quartet before stepping out on his own to be a soloist. You don't want to miss this great evening of joyful Christmas fellowship that will set the tone for your best Christmas season ever. Foothills Community Church is located at 2084 Burkesville Road (Hwy. 1590) in Albany. For more information call 606-387-0019.

Christmas program at Gospel Baptist

"A Christmas to Believe In" will be presented at Gospel Baptist Church Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas play at First Baptist

Albany First Baptist Church invites you to enjoy our Christmas play, "He Sent Us An Angel" on Sunday, December 14 to 6:30 p.m. in the church gym. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

Upright to be at Grace Fellowship

Grace Fellowship Church will have Mike Upright in its service Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. Pastor Donnie Shelley and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Christmas play at Albany Independent Baptist

Albany Independent Baptist Church will present the Christmas play, "Rocky Mountain Christmas" in the fellowship hall on Friday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Melvin Daniel and congregation invite everyone to attend.

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Albany Police Department November activity report

Albany Police Department has released its activity report for the month of November, 2014. During the month, 29 citations were issued involving 17 violations.

Citations issued for the month are as follows: assault fourth degree, alcohol intoxication, no insurance, DUI first and failure to wear seat belt, three each; no insurance and public intoxication, two each. There was one citation each for unlawful imprisonment, resisting arrest, DUI second, disregarding stop sign, no registration plates, criminal mischief, expired plates, harassment, reckless driving and receiving stolen property under $500.00.

The APD also served nine warrants during the month of November 2014.

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KSP names new Trooper Island Camp Commander



Trooper First Class Jonathan Biven

The Kentucky State Police has named Trooper First Class Jonathan Biven as commander of Trooper Island Camp, effective December 16, 2014.

Trooper Island Camp was developed by the KSP as part of a long-range program of public service to the youth of Kentucky.

The camp is located on a 35 acre island on Dale Hollow Lake in the far south-west corner of Clinton County.

The camp annually hosts about 700 at-risk youngsters for a week long camping experience at no charge.

Biven was among several troopers who interviewed for the position.

"I am very excited to carry on the tradition of Trooper Island," says Biven. "I have a sincere passion for this program and plan to build upon the great strides my predecessors have set before me."

"Because of the pride I have in this agency and those that work for it, being a part of Trooper Island Camp, is something I don't take lightly," adds Biven. "We must continue to shape the youth of tomorrow by giving those who are underprivileged the same opportunities to succeed."

Biven is an eleven-year veteran of KSP and his assignments have included the Campbellsburg Post and the Bowling Green Post, where he has served as trooper, detective and most recently, as public affairs officer. He resides in Cave City with his wife and two daughters.

Kentucky State Police Post 15 Activity for November, 2014

During the month of November 2014, there were 21 traffic accidents investigated by the State Police working in the Post 15 area in the 11 counties of Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Marion, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russell, Taylor and Washington.

There were four fatal collisions during the month of November in the Post 15 area.

Brian Chesser, age 29, of Willisburg, Kentucky, was killed on 11/03/14 in Washington County, Kentucky,.

Veronica D. Greene, age 46, of Summersville, Kentucky, was killed on 11/02/14 in Green County, Kentucky.

Cody J. Strode, age 20, of Summer Shade, Kentucky, was killed on 11/04/14 in Metcalfe County, Kentucky,

Colby J. Thompson, age 20, of Greensburg, Kentucky, was killed on 11/25/14 in Green County, Kentucky,

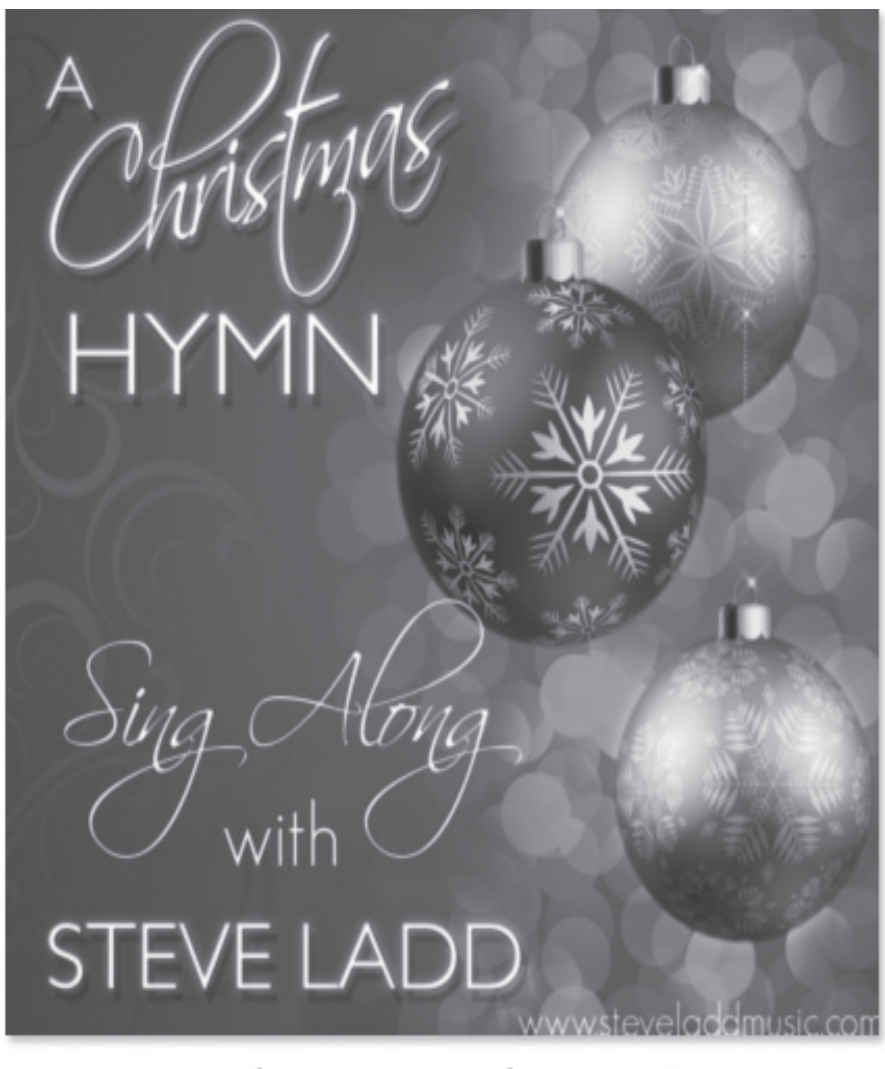
This brings our yearly fatality count to 33 compared with 19 through this same period in 2013.

Statewide fatality count stands at 582 compared with 595 through this same period in 2013.

During the month of November 2014, there were 1246 citations written, 33 courtesy notices written, 1337 vehicles inspected, 650 complaints answered, 53 motorists assisted, 71 criminal cases opened and 220 criminal arrests made.

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Bulldog Battalion competes in Sergeant Alvin C. York Drill Competition

The Bulldog Battalion Drill, Color Guard, and Academic Teams competed in the Sergeant Alvin C. York Drill Competition, Saturday, December 6, 2014, at York Institute, Jamestown, Tennessee.

All teams performed extremely well in a very competitive drill meet. Cadet Master Sergeant Jayden Wallace won the 2nd Place trophy and medallion in the Individual Knockout Drill Event out of 103 cadets.

Cadets pictured with the Bulldog Battalion Cadets are SGT. Alvin C. York's sons and grandson, Rev. George Edward York (son), Andrew York (son), Colonel York (grandson), who presented awards at the event. The following cadets competed in the competition: Derek Dyer, Andy Sexton, Kayla Huddleston, Ashley Guffey, Kristina Huddleston, Nigil Guffey, Dawson Waid, Jayden Wallace, Isaac Lee, Brooke Owens, Sydney Jones, Eddie Perez, Nick Bell, Shania Bagwell, Samantha Manis, Anne Hathaway, and Dutch Daily.

Foreign investors must report agricultural land ownership

Foreign investors who buy, sell, or hold an interest in U. S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Who Must Report?

Foreign individuals, foreign organizations, foreign governments and U. S. Organizations – if a significant interest or substantial control is directly or indirectly held by foreign individuals, organizations, or governments.

What is Agricultural Land?

Land used within the last five years for farming, ranching, forestry, or timber production of more than 10 acres in the aggregate. Land exceeding 10 acres in which 10 percent is stocked by trees of any size, including land that formerly had such tree cover and will be naturally or artificially regenerated. Landholding totaling 10 acres or less in the aggregate if producing annual gross receipts in excess of $1,000 from the sale of farm, ranch, forestry, or timber production.

Where to Report:

Report to the county office of the Farm Service Agency, USDA, in which the land is located. Attorney, real estate brokers, farm manager, banks, holding companies, and agents can report on behalf of foreign investors.

Failure to report could result in fine of up to 25 percent of the property's fair market value.

THINGS TO DO

Christmas play at Albany First Baptist Church

Albany First Baptist Church invites you to enjoy our Christmas Play, "He Sent Us an Angel", Sunday, Dec 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the church gym. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Everyone is Welcome.

Plate It Up, Kentucky Proud cooking class offered

A "Plate It Up, Kentucky Proud" cooking class will be held at the Clinton County Public Library on December 16th at 5:00 p.m. Classes are free, but pre-registration is requested. Call the Clinton County Extension Office at 387-5404 to reserve your spot.

Fiscal court meeting/Christmas dinner

Clinton County Fiscal Court will hold a call meeting Friday, December 19 at 5 p.m. at the Clinton County Community Center, followed by the annual county employee Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. The meeting is open to the general public.

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Christmas at Home continues

The 11th annual Christmas at Home food and toy drive is still underway and more food and toys, especially food, is needed to help families and children in need this holiday season. Donations may be dropped off at participating locations through Monday, December 15 and food at participating churches through Sunday, December 14. All donations greatly appreciated. For more information call Albany City Hall at 387-6011.

Christmas at the Library

Christmas at the Library will be Saturday, December 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. Come join us for a visit from Santa, ornament making, cookies and cocoa, and more!! Stay for a minute or for a while, it's up to you!

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Migrant Parent Advisory Council

Clinton County Schools Migrant Program will have a Parent Advisory Council meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 11 at the Early Childhood Center. Cindy Choate, CCHS Guidance Counselor, will make a presentation on our school's graduation requirements and individual learning plans. We will also discuss this year's parent surveys. There will be gifts for each child enrolled in the Migrant program. There will be pizza and refreshments with a bundle opening following the meeting. All parents who have children enrolled in the Migrant program please try to attend this meeting. For more information please call 387-6272.

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Farmhouse donating 100 meals

The Farmhouse Restaurant, Byrdstown, Tennessee, will once again be donating 100 meals for those who won't be having a Christmas dinner in Albany/Clinton County, Kentucky. These will be delivered on Christmas Eve morning between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations will be taken for deliveries from Monday, December 1 through the evening of Saturday, December 17 or until meals are all reserved. To make reservations call 387-0005. Do not leave a message on the answering machine, you must talk to a person. They will need your name, phone number and physical address (no P.O. Boxes please) and number of meals needed. The youth group from Westview Christian Church will be delivering the meals on Christmas Eve.

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Attention all veterans -- Free

Any veteran who has earned service medals while serving in the U.S. Military and has not received their medals please contact Bill Rutherford. Please note you will need a copy of your DD-214 to request your medals. Contact Bill at 20 Robin Lane, Monticello, Ky. 42633 or call 606-340-3142. rtfn

VA officer available

Veterans Service Officer Earl Claborn is available to help veterans and their families with VA benefits. The office is located in the Clinton County Community Center. Office hours are Monday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 606-387-9447

AA meeting

AA will be meeting each Thursday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the basement of the First Christian Church.

VA Rep available

Veterans and their families seeking benefits in south central Kentucky will now be able to find help and advice at a central location. Gary Jones, the Veterans Benefits Field Representative for Clinton and surrounding counties, will be in Glasgow at 126 E. Public Square, Lower Level, every day except for the first Tuesday, second Monday, second Tuesday, second Thursday and third Monday of each month. Veterans can schedule an appointment by phoning 270-651-9578 or toll free at 800-850-1392.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous group meets each Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights at 7 p.m. at the Bright Idea Missionary Baptist Church basement in Albany. These meetings are open to anyone wanting to address their drug and alcohol problems.







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Monticello

The two men charged in connection with the theft of several thousand pounds of copper from Belden have been sentenced to serve 10 years each for the crimes.

A final judgment was entered in Wayne Circuit Court on November 24 in the cases of Jimmy Pruitt and Christopher Pruitt.

Christopher Pruitt entered guilty pleas to charges of theft by unlawful taking over $10,000, criminal possession of a forged instrument second degree and 24 counts of theft by unlawful taking over $500.

Christopher Pruitt entered a plea agreement on these charges on September 22. They represent two indictments that were returned against Christopher Pruitt in 2014.

According to the plea agreement, Christopher Pruitt received five year sentences on each charge which will run concurrently.

Charges from each of the indictments will run consecutively for a total of 10 years.

Jimmy Pruitt entered guilty please to charges of theft by unlawful taking over $10,000, criminal possession of a forged instrument second degree, 41 counts of theft by unlawful taking over $500 and two counts of forgery second degree.

Jimmy Pruitt entered a plea agreement on these charges on October 1.

Under the agreement, he received a five year sentence on each charge to run concurrently. The sentences from each indictment will run consecutively for a total of 10 years in prison.

In February 2014, Christopher Pruitt and Jimmy Pruitt were arrested in possession of approximately 15,000 pounds of copper wire stolen from the Monticello Belden plant, according to police.

That prompted an investigation that resulted in a second set of indictments against the two men.

The second indictment, returned in May, came after the investigation revealed a series of 41 copper wire thefts that had occurred from the Monticello Belden plant and four from the now-closed Tompkinsville plant.

The thefts occurred over a period of time from 2004 through February 2014.

Jimmy Pruitt and Christopher Pruitt are both required to pay restitution as determined by the court.

Formal sentencing for both men was held October 29 in Wayne Circuit Court.

A McCreary County man was arrested on Wednesday, November 26 after what officials say was an unsuccessful attempt to smuggle contraband into the Wayne County Detention Center.

According to Jailer Ray Upchurch, Joshua New, of Stearns, Ky., was brought into the detention center at approximately 11 a.m. that morning.

After conducting a search, the shift sergeant at the facility discovered that New had 10 generic Klonipin and 13 generic Xanax.

New was charged with promoting contraband first degree by the Monticello Police Department. Police seized the contraband for evidence.

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There was only one item on last week's fiscal court agenda other than the normal monthly financials. The bid from N8 Industries, LLC was back on the table and discussion was just as lively as at the October 28 meeting.

As noted in a previous issue, part of the May 2010 flood disaster relief program, the county was approved for a FEMA Weather Radio Initiative grant in the amount of $233,092 to purchase 6,500 National Weather Service radios for every county household and business.

The funding breakdown is from three sources: the federal government is contributing around $175,000, with the state 12 percent and the county 13 percent or around $30,000. The original plan was for the county to meet its match without great expense by having the radios programmed to pick up weather alerts for Metcalfe and surrounding counties by county personnel. The grant offer has already been extended by one year.

The sole bid on the 6,500 radios was submitted by N8 Industries, LLC owned by Nate Froggett of Center, Kentucky. The bid was $233,675, and included pre-programming for $25. (The bid specified 10 counties.) That automatically eliminates the county's in-kind match that would necessitate expenditure of about $30,000 of county funds.

After Judge Doug Wilson negotiated with Froggett, the bid was reduced by $3,700 to $35.37 per radio. Magistrates still had questions and the issue was tabled at the October 28 meeting.

"Can we reject this bid and rebid it? Magistrate Dale Rowlett asked County Attorney Sharon Howard. "I don't understand how come we only got one bid. Every time we bid something, we only get one bid."

"You can do several things," Howard explained.

"We're at the point where we're either going to take the $200,000 or we're not," Judge Wilson interjected. "Dale, as far as getting only one bid, I think Sharon said just the other day that in other counties they have the same problem."

"We're going to get $200,000 for spending $30,000," Wilson continued.

Discussion continued, raising the issue of whether radios could be purchased cheaper; what brand the weather radios are and how long the warranty is, as well as whether that many radios are needed.

When DEM Emory Kidd first proposed a quantity of 6,500 radios, it did not take into account how many households have already purchased a weather radio.

Filling in for Kidd, who was unavailable, Regional DEM Gary Fancher added that the FEMA grant was approved based on every household and business getting a weather radio. "If we don't buy the specified amount we may not be qualified for the grant."

Finally, Magistrate Greg White made a motion to reject the bid with Rowlett seconding the motion, which passed three to one. Judge Wilson cast the dissenting vote.

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Russell Springs

A Russell County woman was taken into custody in Columbia early Tuesday morning, December 2, on methamphetamine manufacturing and possession charges, according to Columbia Police.

Police reports say that Kaylea Bunch, 21, was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance.

Columbia Police Sgt. Gary Roy and Officer Josh Brockman say they discovered a "mobile meth lab," finished product, multiple components and equipment used in making meth in the trunk of a vehicle during a traffic stop at 4:42 a.m. in the 800 block of Jamestown St. in Columbia.

Bunch was lodged in the Adair County Regional Jail.

Last year little Hadleigh Parris, daughter of Tracie and Matt Parrish, came up with a brilliant idea to try and make sure every child in the community had a little something for Christmas.

Then six, now seven year old Hadleigh got the idea of a "free" yard sale in which donated items could be given away in a yard sale setting to make sure other children who may not be as fortunate could have a Christmas too.

And according to Becky Hadley, Hadleigh and all her friends wanted to do it again (the event was held this past Saturday, December 6).

Becky Hadley is Hadleigh's grandmother, and yes, they are pronounced the same, so to make things easier let's call Hadley what Hadlleigh likes to call her grandmother, "Noonie."

"We did it last year and it was so successful," said Noonie. "People just, it seemed like they appreciate it so much so we're trying to do it again this year."

It must have been something that weighed on the little six year old's mind.

"Hadleigh just had decided one day that she wanted to do it. She said, 'How about giving some of my toys to kids that don't have any?'," Noonie said. "Then on the way to school she said, 'I know, we can have a free yard sale and give all our toys to the kids that needed them.' So she came up with the idea,"

"We just thought, that is a great idea and then we thought maybe more people would want to get involved and we took it from there," she said.

The event became so big, being featured on WLEX channel 18 and on WKYT channel 27 last year, and so many people involved that Noonie said they decided to keep it closer to home this year, and that so many friends, family and others had donated so much time and effort that trying to recognize everyone or only specifically recognizing some of the many, including many child friends of Hadleigh, wouldn't be fair. Nor did she want it to become about recognition about the selfless act itself.

You may have seen the flyer making the rounds around the community which says, "A little girl's dream to share her gently used toys with children who may not have any toys for Christmas has turned into a yearly event. With the help of friends and family and many people donating both items and money we are able to serve the community."

So many gave a monetary gift last year, collecting about $900 when they were expecting maybe $200, Noonie said, that they are going to donate to both God's Food Pantry as well as the Hope Cafe in Russell Springs.

Hope Cafe serves a free meal on the third Thursday of every month in downtown Russell Springs.

"It's just a group of ladies that just cook meals," Noonie said. "And you just come in and eat and it doesn't matter who you are, it's for everybody."

There's a special lesson being learned about helping those less fortunate and being active and giving back to the community they live in for Hadleigh and her friends, and a further lesson was learned last year when they went to buy food for God's Food Pantry."

On a Saturday following the free yard sale last year, all the kids who wanted to help were invited to gather at Price Less, and with the help of a God's Food Pantry volunteers who had printed up sheets that depicted the items that they would like (for the little ones who couldn't yet read), they proceeded to fill about 20 shopping carts full of groceries. They spent about $500 of the donations and the rest was donated directly to the food pantry to further purchase items.

"Those kids were amazed about how much they were able to buy," Noonie said. "They got to shop, and it was amazing, they just couldn't believe that much money could buy that much food and that they were able to help that many people."

For a six year old who turned seven that might have forgot about or decided it was all too much effort. No one would think anything of it, but that wasn't the case. "That's the first thing she thought about this year," said Noonie.

"She says, can we do the yard sale again because so many kids were happy; when they left they were so happy."

"I said do you want to do it, it's a lot of work? And she said yes."

OVERTON CO. NEWS
Livingston, TN

Rickman Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ray Neal has issued a written response to allegations by the State Comptroller's office that the department under his leadership had, in the words of the Comptroller's report, "several problems."

A letter dated Wednesday, November 19 on RVFD letterhead was sent to OCN by Neal after the story that ran in the Overton County News earlier. That letter reads as follows:

"The Rickman Volunteer Fire Department has been under a three-year investigation and audit by the State of Tennessee for the past seven months because of lies and allegations by a few individuals. These individuals have broke state and federal laws and now are trying to hide behind the law. As soon as the report becomes public it will be displayed at the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department for anyone's viewing.

"It's time for some truth to be heard. I have answered every question by the state and county. There is no funds missing or short, 90 percent of the figure everyone has seen was federal grants. These grants were spent just as the federal government said they had to be spent--a new truck, turn-out gear, air packs, extrication equipment, etc. The rest was raised by the members of the Rickman Volunteer Fire Department along with county funds, which is around $6,000 per year after insurance is paid on the members in case of an accident.

"The biggest fault the department had was its nonprofit status had been revoked in which I told the state it had and was working on it at the time the investigation started.

"As for the loans to some, yes they were made and repaid by them. These volunteers spend a lot of money out of their pocket just to serve our community. Several was experiencing hard times, but I allowed this to help them for a short period of time.

"To start with, let's discuss the informant in this case. He was under observation since early 2012 for possible arson. Late 2013, I had enough information to make it official. This can be confirmed by anyone--just go to the State Fire Marshal's site. Look at the minutes for the last meeting of the Upper Cumberland Council of Fire Chiefs in 2013 held in Cookeville. Some very informative speakers came at my request to help me with this matter. Early 2014 this individual allegedly searched another person's device to find out this. But the most important statistic of all is the southern part of Overton County had an average of eight to 12 fires per year. As of to date in 2014.

"I think a fire department should do everything in its power to improve itself for better services to the community it serves, not to just say we are volunteers and we don't have to. I have tried to create a place where a person can serve the community with honor regardless of race, color, or creed and keep the childish attitudes, egos, drama, and B.S. out, free of political influence.

"I have worked hard to improve this department to be all it can for this community, and this is nothing more than a public attack by a few trying to break the public trust I have worked hard to gain after the way the department has been abused in the past years.

"This is for the individuals involved so you know; Yes, I have excellent hearing.

"(Signed) Chief Rickman Volunteer Fire, Charles R. Neal."

As detailed earlier, Neal said he would stop authorizing personal loans to Rickman VFD firefighters, furthermore, the Comptroller's report quoted Neal as saying he was working to correct the nonprofit status filing at the time of the investigation and that he would try to tighten up the accounting practices of the department for things including receipt-keeping and securement of funds until they can be deposited in the bank.

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DEATHS

Gregory "Greg" L. Neal

Gregory "Greg" L. Neal, 53, Muncie, Indiana and a native of Albany, passed away Friday, November 28, 2014 at St. Vincent's Regional Hospital in Anderson, Indiana. He was the son of the late M.V. Neal, Sr. and was also preceded in death by his step-father, Sandy Cook and two brothers, Tommy Lee and M.V. Neal, Jr. He was a member of Bethel United Baptist Church.

He is survived by a son, Matthew Neal, Indianapolis, IN; a special daughter, Nicole "Nikki" (Ty) Harty, Yorktown, IN; his mother, Barbara Cook, Muncie, IN; three sisters, Martha (David) Morrison, Cowan, IN; Lois Clevenger and Barbara "Nell" (Brian) Rice, Muncie, IN; three brothers, James "Jim" Neal, Gaston, IN; Randy Neal, LoSantville, IN; Michael "Mike" Neal, Muncie, IN; also several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 11 a.m. a Parson Mortuary with final resting place in Tomlinson Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent's Regional Hospital Critical Care Unit, 2015 Jackson St., Anderson, Indiana 46016. Online condolences may be made at www.parsonmortuary.com.

Porter Richard Smith

Porter Richard Smith, 81, Moores Hill, Indiana and a native of Albany, passed away Thursday, December 4, 2014. He was the son of the late Robert and Lilly (Stinson) Smith and worked as foreman at Asplundh Tree Service.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Smith, Moores Hill, IN; a son, Denny (Mary Beth) Smith of Lawrenceburg, IN; a daughter, Kim Powell, Moores Hill, IN; a brother, Carl Smith; four sisters, Sally Atkinson, Sue Brasswell, Betty Foster and June Turner; also five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Clinton County with visitation after 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Final resting place will be in the church cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Dearborn County (IN) Hospice.

Mary Ruth Clemons

Mary Ruth Clemons, 65, Louisville, Kentucky and formerly of Albany, passed away Tuesday, December 2, 2014. She was the daughter of the late Eddie Paul and Wilma Josephine Ferguson Cash. She was the owner/operator of the Clemons Green House and Nursery and a member of the Kosair Children's Hospital Auxiliary where she was a volunteer in the gift shop.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Thomas Clemons and a brother, James Gifford Cash.

She is survived by a son, Aaron Warren (Stephanie) Tallent; six sisters, Rita (Granville) Melton, Linda (Alton) Roberts, Norma Dicken, Lila Conner, Janice (Bill) Stearns, and Loretta (Danny) Cravens; two brothers, Kenneth Ray (Virginia) and Edward Cash; three stepchildren, Lori (Andy) Vance, Tom (Dixie) and Jim Clemons; also eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 5, 2014 at Schoppenhorst, Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home with final resting place in Highland Memory Gardens. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to a charity of your choice. Arrangements were made through Schoppenhorst Underwood and Brooks Funeral Home of Louisville, Kentucky.



Mary Ruth Clemons

Correction

In the death notice last week of Jonathan Melton, it should have read that he passed away Thursday, November 27, 2014 and was also survived by a son, Jonathan Melton, Jr.

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Above are, Macey Groce, Olivia Turner, Brooke Groce and Samantha Flowers.

The Health Occupations Students of America HOSA, FBLA and Skills members at the KY-Tech Clinton County Area Technology Center along with their instructors Billie Frye, RN, Cindy Albertson, RN, Holly Claborn and Mathew McWhorter collected items for donation to Operation Christmas Child which is a project of Samaritan's Purse.

The items for donation brought in by the students included: school supplies, personal hygiene items, candy, and toys. The students collected enough supplies to fill forty-five Operation Christmas Child boxes. The boxes are sent to needy children all over the world.

A special thanks goes out to all the students and their families who took the time to purchase and prepare the items, as well as Cave Springs Baptist Church which took the donated boxes to the appropriate location.



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Thrasher

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years, Thrasher has been an artist nearly all his life.

Fred W. Thrasher was born in Clinton County, Kentucky in 1938. He attributed his aptitude for self promotion and the marketing skills he learned as a commercial artist to his father.

"He would drive his old pickup truck filled with firewood downtown," Thrasher recalled. "He kept his old banjo behind the seat, and he would start picking and singing bluegrass music."

This would soon draw an interested crowd who would either listen, sing along, or join in with their instruments.

"After a couple of tunes," Thrasher said, "he would say I've got the best firewood in town; you can cut it with a pocket knife."

Before long, Jack Thrasher would have the entire truck load sold after playing a few more songs.

Thrasher was entirely self-taught. Growing up in a modest environment in Clinton County helped provide him the reflective memories for which his paintings are famous. Drawing and painting would become an obsession he developed during grade school, ascribing his inspiration for drawing and painting to his fourth grade teacher.

"She really encouraged me and praised my drawings," Thrasher said. "Back then, we didn't really have any formal art classes. I remember one day she had the class to do a drawing and whoever had the best one would win free pencils."

Inspired by the competition and prize, Thrasher ended up winning the contest and then immediately sold the pencils--his first act of commerce from his artwork.

He continued to draw sketches in school and came to love art.

Like many of his era in rural Kentucky, he stopped attending school after the eighth grade to find employment. Instead of selling pencils, he found a method of making some spare money for his art skills while employed as a helper with a 7 Up truck route.

"I started with painting signs for grocery stores," he noted.

Thrasher also gave a lot of credit to his family for his inspiration and success as an artist.

At the age of 19, Thrasher married his wife, Betty, and they have been together for 57 years. The couple had six children.

Thrasher said he could have never achieved all he has without the encouragement and support from his family.

Perhaps out of a necessity of having a wife and six young children, he strove to learn how to become more accomplished at doing other jobs besides painting to provide an earning for his family.

He first used his sales ability as an insurance agent before utilizing it with his art and became one of the most productive insurance agents for his company.

In 1968, he became the first person in Kentucky to earn an agent's license without a high school education. Eventually, he became the top-selling agent writing more than $1 million in insurance policies.

Relying upon his father's instruction, Thrasher discovered that creating sketches, paintings, and the pieces of art for his insurance clients was a helpful supplement in selling insurance policies.

While developing a strong work ethic and tenacity as a top salesman, he also began to expand his artistic endeavors with oil paintings in 1968. He dedicated the same persistence to learning how to paint with oils as he had with selling insurance. However, painting was still just a hobby.

"I knew I couldn't paint fast enough to make a living," Thrasher said.

The transition from hobby-painter to full-time artist came once he learned how to utilize his marketing ability to sell limited edition prints. His first limited-edition print (which is now a highly sought after collector's item) was of Clinton County High School that he painted in 1977. He sold 1,000 copies for $10 each. During that same year with $10,000 in savings, Thrasher decided to leave his job as an agent and devote himself full-time to painting and selling his work to galleries.

"I told my wife, give it two years and if it didn't work out, I'd go back to a real job," Thrasher joked.

At first, he didn't know what to paint for a commercial success.

"I was driving home one night on Highway 90 and stopped off at a stream to get a drink of water. I just looked around at how beautiful it was and thought this would be a painting I would buy and put in my home."

Initially, Thrasher used his social contacts from the insurance business as he traveled around the state trying to sell his prints at galleries and other locations. As with every sole proprietor, success did not happen overnight.

"A lot of times I would trade prints for antiques at some antique store to get my art out there," he said.

Eventually, more galleries started to buy his prints and he established a sales route around Kentucky, Tennessee, and Indiana. He also attended various conventions and the annual Kentucky State Fair, setting up a vendor's table. As his paintings became more in demand, Thrasher drew upon the influence of Norman Rockwell's nostalgic themes. He became known for his paints of nature scenes, landscapes, and historic sites.

With no formal art training, it could be argued that Thrasher is a one-of-a-kind artist born with God-given talent. However, he feels everyone has some artistic talent.

"I realize that God did give me some skills and interest with art, but, I've also had to learn, almost obsessively, through repetition how to paint."

"Talent is developed from the outcome of being obsessed about whatever skill you want to learn."

Now, after 37 years of commercial painting and sales, Thrasher is ready to retire as a full-time artist. The collaborative project with his family was a joint idea by all three.

Dennis still paints quite a bit, and Colby has started to sell some of his work, while attending college, Thrasher said. "I foresee them along with my son, Ronnie, continuing to not only keep the on-line business running, but also to produce more paintings of their own."

He recognizes that he has been blessed to earn an income at something he truly enjoys.

"I look back on it and realize how blessed I've been; It's truly been an honor for people to enjoy my art enough to be willing to buy it and hang it in their homes."

He said he will miss the friendships he has built up over the years from selling his art.

"I wish there was a way I could properly thank all of the people who have bought my artwork. They have helped me make a living and raise six children these past 37 years, and I just want them to know what a honor it has been for me.

"I can never repay what a privilege it's been to be that artist people choose to have in their homes."

Of course, Thrasher's prints can still be purchased on his studio's website: www.thrasher-prints.com. He said he is far from giving up painting all together.

"I will probably paint until I die."

The Mechanic's Wings

When he was young
and in his prime
cars and motors
was on his mind

He learned fast
with a smile
under a tree
all the while

He never stopped
to hesitate
a hard worker
he did state

He did for others
to help in need
the neighbor
he was indeed

The friends he has
he did cherish
like family
he did treasure

When he smiled
it lit the room
not a soul
was ever gloom

A need for speed
he built the best
full of dignity
it stood the test

A family he asked
on bended knee
a son came after
a proud father to be

His brothers alike
his sisters the same
a house full of love
no man could tame

A parents' love
that's always there
as the days are long
they all did share

Never faultered
and forever strong
his faith in the Lord
is just as long

So rev your motors
and let your pipes sing
for a wonderful mechanic
has earned his wings.

In honor of Greg Neal
By Todd White

Gregory (Greg) L. Neal, 53, passed away late Friday evening, November 28, 2014, at the St. Vincent's Regional Hospital in Anderson, Indiana following a brief illness.

He was born on May 17, 1961, in Albany, Kentucky, the son of M.V. and Barbara (Stockton) Neal, Sr.

Mr. Neal graduated from Cowan High School in 1979 and later attended a trade school for automotive mechanics. Greg owned and operated the Neal & Son Garage Inc. for many years and enjoyed restoring old cars and classic cars, and was often called upon to judge at various car shows. He enjoyed Hot Rods, Drag Racing and building motors. Mr. Neal was a member of the Bethel United Baptist Church. Family times with his son and siblings were very special to him.

Survivors include one son, Matthew Neal, Indianapolis; a "special daughter," Nicole "Nikki" Harty (husband, Ty), Yorktown; his mother, Barbara Cook, Muncie; three sisters, Martha Morrison (husband David), Cowan, Lois Clevenger and Barbara "Nell" Rice (husband Brian), both of Muncie; three brothers, James "Jim" Neal, Gaston, Randy Neal, Losantville and Michael "Mike" Neal, Muncie; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by, his father, M.V. Neal, Sr.; step-father, Sandy Cook; two brothers, Tommy Lee Neal and M.V. Neal, Jr.; and two nephews Christopher Neal and Randall "Bub" Neal.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 3,2014, 11:00 a.m. at the Parson Mortuary with Pastor Bruce Waters officiating with burial following at the Tomlinson Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent's Regional Hospital
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Community leaders visit Cub Scout pack meetings



Pictured above are, front row, left to right: Wyatt Beaman, Luke Pyzik, Drew Davis, Cameron Irwin, and Hunter Hicks. Second row: Aiden Richardson, Lex Marcum, Jared Gibson, Logan Wade, Luke Cash, FSNEP Program Assistant Stacy Smith, Dylan Crawley, James Smith, and Jordan Shelton. Third row: Bear Den Leader Tim Cox, Cubmaster Kent Baker, and Webelos Den Leader Chris Marcum.



Clinton County Extension Office Nutrition Education Program Assistant Stacy Smith visited the Albany Cub Scouts pack meeting on Monday, November 24 to discuss nutrition.

The scouts learned about food groups and making healthy meals with My Plate.

Smith assisted the boys in assembling fruit and yogurt parfaits, which were a big hit.

Clinton County Circuit Court Clerk Jake Staton visited the pack meeting on Monday, December 1 to discuss citizenship.

Staton gave each scout a pamphlet that explained the court system and talked about the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

The Cub Scout Pack 387 would like to express their gratitute to Stacy and Jake for investing time in our scouts. Both of these visits will assist the boys in fulfilling the achievements for their ranks.

Smitty

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of the county and was in office during two new sewer treatment facilities being constructed and two new fire stations, actually helping with the design of the former fire station years ago.

Smith also said he was in office during the Downtown Revitalization Project that took place in Albany just a few years ago and when the city helped get the stop lights installed on Hwy. 127 near McDonald's, as well as adding some sidewalks in some areas of the city. He did say, however, he would like to see more sidewalks in the city limits, including to the high school and on Hwy. 738 to Albany Manor.

The councilman also noted that even though the city didn't get much credit, the mayor at the time, the late James Brown, and the city council did support and help in getting Cagles (now Equity Group) to locate here.

When Smith first served on the council, the current "new" city hall was a garage that was purchased by the city and renovated into the current Albany City Hall, complete with offices and conference room and kitchen type area. The old city hall portion is now used as the city's water department office.

Even before becoming a city council member, Smith served as chairman of Golden Harvest Village (Housing Authority), a position he has held for 36 years.

Smith is also pleased that in the last 20 years as a councilman, he has not voted to increase city taxes.

Smith said he was going to miss working with other city officials and being around people when he leaves office next year, including the mayor, council members and the public. He has served with a total of six different mayors since the late 70s, and said about the position another thing he would miss is being a voice for the citizens of Albany and representing them to the best of his ability.

Smith said the duties of a council member are varied, including seeing the city is managed properly, assisting the mayor in making decisions that concern the city and correcting problems when they arise, as well as working to help gain new business and industry.

"Smitty," as he is affectionately called, owned and operated Smitty's Drive-In near his home in south Albany for some 38 years, starting May 18, 1962 and closing July 4, 2000.

Smith, who was born and raised in the Central Grove Community, also farmed in his earlier years before leasing and working in Cleveland, Ohio for Kroger's from 1950-1961 before moving back home and opening his very successful drive-in restaurant.

Smith and his wife of 59 years, Shelva (Hughes) Smith--who helped operate Smitty's Drive-In throughout the years, have a daughter, Sherry Shepherd and two grandsons, Brandon, a senior at the University of Kentucky and Brett, a high school senior.

He noted that he planned on dedicating his time to take care of his wife and vice versa and closed by thanking the citizens of Albany for putting their faith and confidence in him over the years.



Albany Fire Chief Robert Roeper presented long-time city council member James "Smitty" Smith with a fire truck centerpiece during the recent city dinner, thanking the long-time council member for his long-time support of the Albany Fire Department during his more than three decades of service to the Albany City Council.



Albany Mayor Nicky Smith is shown presenting long-time city council member James "Smitty" Smith with a plaque during the recent city dinner, thanking the long-time council member for his more than three decades of service on the Albany City Council.

Also pictured are fellow city council members Tonya Claborn Thrasher, Leland Hicks, Tony Delk and Frankie Stockton.

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January. Once the assessment has been completed a formal application will be submitted to the USDA for consideration.

In other business, the council:

* Voted to declare four push mowers and a Stihl chainsaw as surplus property and sell via sealed bids.

* Voted to purchase "back-up" cameras for all of the larger fire and tanker trucks for safety measures, at an estimated cost of about $150 per camera.

* Entered into a 10-minute closed session to discuss possible litigation but took no action upon returning to open session.

Prior to adjourning, council members noted that the Christmas at Home food and toy drive is underway and more donations of both food and toys are needed prior to the December 15 drop-off date.

Anyone wishing to donate to the program or wanting more information may contact hall or call 387-6011.

The next regular meeting of Albany City Council is scheduled for January 6 at 5 p.m. at city hall and is open to the general public.

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SPORTS

Dawgs open season 2-1, District play begins Friday

Clinton County's Bulldogs have the 2014-15 season off and running and with just three games behind them have moved out to a 2-1 record.

The start included a pair of wins on the local hardwood on either side of a somewhat disappointing loss on the road.

The Bulldogs opened the year with a 52-42 win over Casey County on the Lindle Castle Gymnasium floor last Tuesday night, then fell to 4th Region opponent Franklin-Simpson on the road Friday by a double-digit margin, 58-48.

The Bulldogs rebounded the following night with a 72-62 victory over the Raiders of Bowling Green's Warren East on Saturday with a performance that displayed a much improved effort from the night before on Clinton County's part.



Ethan Smith went up for a shot during the second half against Casey County Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Clinton County won the game, 79-65. Smith finished with 19 points.

Clinton County - 72
Warren East - 62

The Clinton County Bulldogs evened up its 4th Region record Saturday night, picking up a high scoring double-digit win over the Raiders of Bowling Green's Warren East, 72-62.

The victory pushed the Bulldogs overall season record at this early stage in the year to a 2-1 mark while Warren East left the Lindle Castle Gymnasium with a record of 1-2.

The Raiders were first on the board Saturday night on a pair of made free throws just 40 seconds after the opening tip-off and following a basket by Clinton County's Keifer Dalton to even the score, Warren East pulled back in front again on two more free throws.

Although Warren East managed to hang close to the Bulldogs, especially in the closing minutes of play that early first quarter lead would prove to be the last time the Raiders would be in front of the Dawgs.

Clinton County pulled in front again on a basket by Ethan Smith with 4:55 showing on the first quarter clock at 5-4 and a free throw by the Raiders that followed tied the score at 5-5.

The Bulldogs put together a 9-0 run that saw scoring from Dalton, Lance Claywell and Chance McWhorter to put Clinton County out in front by nine points, 14-5 and still in control of a nice lead at the end of the first quarter of action, 18-10.

Smith dropped in Clinton County's first four points to get the second quarter off and running and send the Bulldogs out in front with its first double-digit lead, 22-12.

The game officials, apparently charged this year with attempting to cut down on hand-checking and incidental contact, succeeded in keeping the contest from picking up any manner of speed and rhythm, finishing the first half by calling some 30 personal fouls that resulted in both teams reaching the double bonus mark with 10 team fouls each in the first quarter.

Clinton County's floor performance against the Raiders was far improved over the effort against Franklin-Simpson the previous night, and on a couple of occasions, the Bulldogs appeared poised to run away with the contest.

Warren East had other plans, however, and each time the Bulldogs were set to pull away, the Raiders managed to put together enough scoring to put themselves back within reach.

The Bulldogs held a one-time 15 point lead over the Raiders coming down the stretch near the end of the first half, 35-20, but saw their halftime lead cut to 12 points, 36-24.

It was Warren East that opened the second half with a hot shooting hand and before the Bulldogs were able to turn things around, the fans on hand were suddenly watching a close contest again.

The Raiders opened the third quarter with a 10-2 run that cut Clinton County's lead to just four points, 38-34 early in the quarter.

Clinton County was able to pull back out with a mid-quarter run that gave the Bulldogs another double-digit lead, 47-36, but another strong run by the Raiders cut Clinton County's lead to eight at the end of the third period of play, 50-42.

Clinton County was again outscored at the start of the fourth quarter, this time with a Warren East 7-2 run to cut the Bulldogs advantage to just three points, 52-49, with well over five minutes still showing on the game clock.

Looking as if they were playing out of sync for a stretch in the final quarter, Clinton County found themselves in a two point game at the mid-point of the final quarter and just as suddenly as things had seemed to go sour for the Dawgs, the game turned back around in the other direction.

With the Big Blue fan base showing its enthusiasm and raising the noise level inside the gymnasium, Clinton County responded with a renewed effort and as the game rounded toward the finish line, the Bulldogs were able to once again begin putting some distance between themselves and the Raiders

Leading by only two points with just over four minutes to play, Clinton County finished the contest with floor and free throw scoring from Smith, Dalton and Claywell to slowly but surely pull away from the Raiders and capture the 10 point victory, 72-62.

The game ended with a total of 55 personal fouls being charged - 28 against Clinton County and 27 against the Raiders, and although the Bulldogs had five players finish with four personal fouls against them, no Clinton County player fouled out.

Warren East lost only one player down the stretch to five personal fouls.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Smith	26
Dalton	19
Claywell	16
Langford	4
McWhorter	4
Nelson	2
England	1

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Glen England came off the bench and added a spark to Clinton County's play Tuesday night against Casey County. England finished with five points for the game.

Lady Dawgs off to fast start, 3-0

The Clinton County Lady Bulldogs have managed to get the 2014-15 basketball season off to a fantastic start, dispatching their first three opponents on the schedule in exemplary fashion to get the year off and running with a 3-0 record.

In the process, the Lady Bulldogs have picked up all three of their victories by double-digit winning spreads, including a win last Saturday night over Warren East that saw the game ending with the "mercy rule" in effect as the Lady Dawgs cruised to a 32 point win over the Lady Raiders,, 65-33.

The first two victories in the season included a season opening 52-42 win over the Lady Rebels of Casey County last Tuesday night and the team's only road game this season thusfar, a 44-32 victory over Franklin-Simpson last Friday night.

Clinton County - 65
Warren East - 33

Clinton County's Lady Bulldogs most recent basketball win of this still young campaign saw the team get off to a somewhat slow start but ended with a more than make-up-for-it finish with a "mercy rule" running clock finish and a 65-33 win for the girls in blue.

Coach Darrell Thompson's squad was somewhat slow in the opening minutes of the second contest this season on the local hardwood, as the Lady Raid-

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Ansley Stalcup drove the lane during the first half in Tuesday's home opener against Casey County. The Lady Dawgs won the game, 52-42, with Stalcup finishing with 16 points.



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ers of Warren East jumped out to control an early lead on two quick baskets in the first minute of the game, 4-0.

Like a splash of cold water in the face had awakened them suddenly, the Lady Dawgs jumped to life in the remaining seven minutes of that opening quarter, with center Allie Hopper first putting Clinton County's offensive effort into action with a three point play at the 6:00 mark to put her team within a single point of the Lady Raiders early on.

Additional scoring from Kayla Dicken, Ansley Stalcup, Joelie Hicks as well as Hopper saw Clinton County grab the lead mid-way through that opening quarter and sprint out to an 18-6 advantage late in the period.

Warren East finished the quarter with four unanswered points but still trailed by eight points going into the second quarter, 18-10.

Bree Boils was quick to score for Clinton County as the second quarter got underway, dropping in a field goal just 10 seconds after the period began, and another field goal from Hicks stretched the Lady Bulldog lead out to 12 points, 22-10, with less than a minute having expired from the clock.

Clinton County continued to dominate the Lady Raiders on both ends of the floor, preventing Warren East from scoring effectively, while at the same time managing to outscore their opponent by more than a 2-1 margin in the remainder of the first half.

The Lady Dawgs went to the dressing room at halftime in control of a 19 point margin, 35-16.

It was Stalcup who gave Clinton County its first lead in excess of 20 points on a field goal just 14 seconds into the second half of action, which was followed by two free throws tossed in by Macy Campbell, and from that point on, the Lady Dawgs were more or less in cruise control mode.

Even scoring from Clinton County during the period resulted in the Lady Dawgs stretching its lead out to 26 points as the game entered the final eight minute quarter, 50-24.

Clinton County's offensive efforts in the final quarter were centered around guard Shyanne McWhorter for the most part, who had been scoreless up to that final period of play, but tossed in all of her nine points for the night during the last eight minutes.

In fact it was McWhorter's field goal with just under three minutes remaining to be played that put the Lady Bulldogs up by the 35 points that put the "mercy rule" into effect and saw the final minutes of action being played with a running clock.

Clinton County eventually picked up the third victory of its season by a 32 point margin with a final score of 65-33.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Stalcup.....20
Hicks.....14
Hopper.....12
McWhorter.....9
Dicken.....4
Boils.....3
Campbell.....2
A. Roberts.....1

Clinton County - 44
Franklin-Simpson - 32

Clinton County's first victory on the road this season came in their first road game that took the Lady Bulldogs to the far western boundary of the 4th Region where they took on the Lady Wildcats of Franklin-Simpson.

With a 12 point win over the Lady Cats, the 44-32 victory saw Clinton County in control of the lead from wire to wire and at one point stretching out to a 17 point advantage in the third quarter.

Clinton County's first points came from the free throw line on a couple of game-starting points by guard Shyanne McWhorter to set the Lady Dawg offensive attack off and running.

Both teams seemed to be struggling in the early minutes of action in the area of shot accuracy, with good shots being fired on both ends of the floor, but failing to find the target.

Still, Clinton County finished the first quarter out in front with an 8-4 lead.

The Lady Dawgs added only nine points to their score during the second quarter, but at the same time held the Lady Cats to only a single point to end the first half in control of a 12 point lead, 17-5.

Both squads improved on shot accuracy as the second half got underway, but it was the Lady Bulldogs that had the most success offensively in the quarter.

Clinton County ran out to a 30-13 lead at one point in the quarter before the Lady Wildcats closed the period down on a 4-0 run to pull back to within 13 points going into the fourth and final quarter, 30-17.

The final eight minutes of action was nearly an equal effort offensively, with Clinton County being outscored by only a single point as the Lady Bulldogs sealed the victory with a 12 point spread, 44-32

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Stalcup.....18
Hopper.....8
Campbell.....6
Dicken.....4
McWhorter.....4
Boils.....2
Hicks.....2

Clinton County - 52
Casey County - 42

The Clinton County Lady Bulldogs played host to Casey County in Tuesday's home opener. In what has been predicted as a surprising year for the Lady Dawgs, Clinton County muscled up and took the first win of the season, 52-42.

It was a slow start Tuesday night and most of the first quarter could be chalked up to first game jitters, however, Clinton County took control of the game early and made Casey County play catch up the entire night.

At the end of the first quarter, Clinton County led the Lady Rebels 13-8, with several Lady Dawgs contributing early on.

Sophomore Bree Boils knocked down four free throws in the first quarter, Allie Hopper had a couple of baskets followed by a basket by Ansley Stalcup and a free throw by Shyanne McWhorter.

During the second quarter, at the 5:20 mark, Clinton County reached a 10 point lead, 21-11.

The Lady Dawgs continued to maintain control of the game and with both Hopper and Kayla Dicken running the floor, Clinton County went into the locker room at halftime with a 29-17 advantage.

As the third quarter began, Clinton County maintained the same pace shown in the first half. The Lady Dawgs would nearly match Casey County point for point, keeping the Lady Rebels at arms length.

By the end of the period, Clinton County continued to lead the game, 39-28.

During the first minute of the fourth quarter, Casey County knocked down two free throws to cut the lead to nine points, 39-30.

Hopper made a field goal at the 7:10 mark to push the Lady Dawgs' lead back to 11 points, but that would be the last time Clinton County would score in more than three minutes of play.

Casey County put together a run up to the 3:40 mark when the Lady Rebels cut the lead to one on a 10-0 run, 41-40.

Clinton County quickly answered with a basket by Dicken to push the lead out to three points, 43-40.

In order to secure the win, Clinton County had to use the clock to its advantage. From the two minute mark to the one minute mark, Clinton County held the ball with Boils headed to the foul line with 1:06 remaining. Boils hit two of two to grab a five point lead.

The next trip down the floor, Casey County missed a layup and gave Clinton County control of the ball. Once again, Boils was sent to the line after being fouled to stop the clock, hitting two of two for a seven point advantage with less than a minute of play, 47-40.

With seconds ticking away, Clinton County remained strong from the foul line, hitting nine of 10 in the final minutes. This proved to be the deciding factor in the game, as Clinton County held on to win by 10 points, 52-42.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Stalcup.....16
Boils.....11
Hopper.....10
Dicken.....7
Campbell.....6
McWhorter.....2

The next portion of the schedule for the Lady Bulldogs saw them facing the highly touted Lady Falcons of Monroe County on Tuesday night at home. They were slated to host the Lady Hornets in the Lindle Castle Gymnasium on Friday night for the first matchup of the season against a 16th District opponent. Both of those games are with 6:00 p.m. tip-offs.

On Saturday night the team boards the bus for a trip to Bowling Green and an afternoon game against Greenwood with a 3:00 p.m. tipoff. All three of these next games are double-header nights with the Bulldogs.

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Clinton County - 48
Franklin-Simpson - 58

On a night when the Clinton County Bulldogs could never seem to find its normal flow, things went from rough to worse at Franklin Simpson High School.

Before the night had painfully ended, the Bulldogs had picked up its first loss of a very young season, losing a 10 point decision at the hands of the Wildcats, 58-48.

Clinton County, one of the top rated teams in the fourth region this year, was never able to put its game into a working pace and from start to end, only briefly held the lead in the first half.

The Bulldogs trailed 7-1 as the game got underway when Chase Anderson put together five unanswered points himself to pull his team to within a single basket, 7-5.

For a time late in the first quarter, the Bulldogs looked as if they might be able to put their game into some sort of working order and as that opening quarter came to a close, the Dawgs had put together a 7-0 run to hold a 15-12 lead.

The Bulldogs' game went into the same non-working mode as the second quarter got underway, and by halftime, the Wildcats had turned things around to take control of a two point lead going into the break, 28-26.

Franklin-Simpson's command of the contest continued throughout the third quarter, while for the Bulldogs, things only worsened as the game progressed into the second half.

Clinton County trailed by as many as 13 points in the third quarter but managed to seemingly turn things around once again late in the fourth quarter to cut the Franklin lead to seven points going into the fourth and final period of play, 41-34.

The Bulldogs continued on the see-saw style of play as the fourth quarter progressed. Back to back scoring from Dalton and Colin Langford near the midway point of the quarter cut the Franklin lead to four points, 46-42, and with just over a minute to play, a banked-in jumper by Claywell cut the Wildcat lead to just two points, 50-48.

The Wildcats were able to stretch back out to a comfortable lead with successful free throw shooting in the final minute of action, dropping in eight straight unanswered points from the free throw line to grab the double-digit, 10 point victory, 58-48.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Dalton.....16
Smith.....12
Claywell.....10
Anderson.....5
Langford.....3
England.....

Clinton County - 79
Casey County - 65

The Clinton County Bulldogs hosted Casey County for its first home game of the season Tuesday night, December 2. In what was a rocky start for the Dawgs, the boys' in blue ended up with a W in the win column, 79-65.

From the tip to the end of the first quarter, Clinton County was trying to find its rhythm on the hardwood. Casey County jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, but the Dawgs game back with an 8-0 run to lead by four, 8-4, with 2:59 on the clock.

Clinton County finished the quarter with only a field goal, while Casey County got back into the game and tied the score just before the period ended at 10.

For much of the second period, Clinton County struggled on offense. Both teams held its own against each other until the 2:55 mark when Claywell hit a jumper to take a two point lead and start a 10-3 run to finish the half, 25-18.

The second half went much like the first with the Dawgs not finding the bottom of the basket.

Claywell hit a game high six three pointers, which helped Clinton County's offense get the boost it needed in the second half.

At the 6:01 mark, Smith knocked down a three pointer from the corner to put the Dawgs up by nine, 31-22.

The final six minutes of the period, Clinton County kept Casey County at arms length by scoring 16 points to Casey County's 19 points, for a six point lead to start the fourth. Casey County hit a half-court buzzer beater to end the period, 47-41.

During the final period, Clinton County's play started to pick up with a basket by Dalton and one by England, 51-41.

At the 6:02 mark, Clinton County began to take full control of the game and started pulling away from Casey County.

During a two minute stretch in the quarter, Clinton County put together a 9-2 run to lead by 15 points, 60-45.

A small run by Casey County towards the end of the period would cut the Dawgs' lead to 11 points, but that was as close as the Rebels would come as Clinton County picked up its first win of the season, 79-65.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Claywell.....27
Dalton.....23
Smith.....19
England.....5
Nelson.....2
E. Anderson.....2
C. Anderson.....1

The Bulldogs will hit the hardwood for three more games this week, all of them double-header features with the Lady Bulldogs.

On Tuesday night, Clinton County was slated to play host to 4th Region rival Monroe County, another highly rated squad from this region.

On Friday night the Bulldogs will play host to Metcalfe County for the first 16th District matchup of the season. Tip-off is set for 6:00 p.m.

On Saturday, the Dawgs will travel west to Bowling Green to take on the Gators of Greenwood in a game set for a tip-off at about 4:30 p.m.



Kayla Dicken put up a shot in the lane during Tuesday's home opener against Casey County. The Lady Dawgs started the week with the 52-42 win over the Lady Rebels and finished the week with two more wins to move to 3-0 on the year.



Allie Hopper hit the first basket of the game Tuesday night against Casey County. Clinton County defeated the Lady Rebels 52-42. Hopper finished the game with 10 points.



TURNOVERS

by Alan B. Gibson

Off and running start for Big Blue teams

It was a big week for both our Lady Bulldogs and Bulldogs last week with the start of this 2014-15 roundball campaign.

Cumulative, our teams are off to a 5-1 start with the Lady Dawgs putting together a very nice and impressive 3-0 jump to get things rolling while the Bulldogs are still going through some fine tuning moves to smooth out some rough spots that became evident in their second outing of the season against Franklin-Simpson.

Our Lady Dawgs are putting up some impressive numbers at this early point in the year and they are proving me right in a comment I made to several fans during pre-season conversations that I thought they were going to be a better team than many thought.

Hey - they finished the first week 3-0! This is going to be a fun year from start to finish and on top of that, the girls and the coaching staff appear to be having fun as well, which is something that can go a long way as the year progresses and whenever a situation could call for a break or two to go our way in a close game.

Get on board now - this is going to be a fun ride.

Overall, the Dawgs are still off to a nice start with a 2-1 mark, but the loss against the Wildcats apparently brought out some problems that Coach Messer and staff were able to quickly adjust. The Dawgs' performance against Warren East the following night was a much improved effort on our part.

Sure, if you look at the numbers so far, the Bulldogs should have also entered this second week of the season with a 3-0 mark, but sometimes an early kick in the teeth can be the best thing that can happen to a team.

A loss - especially against a team that should have been an easy win - can be hard to take for the players and coaches, but often times as the season progresses, you look back and think that perhaps that early loss was the key to a successful season.

In any case, the two wins in that 2-1 start were nice, the first coming against a very well coached Casey County squad in the season opener and the second coming on Saturday night against the Raiders of Warren East, both on the local hardwood.

Former Lady Dawgs back on the hardwood

It wasn't shown on any broadcasts during last Sunday's UK game against Eastern Kentucky University, but at halftime, there was a former Clinton County Lady Bulldog at center stage.

Former Clinton County standout player Alex Beard, who graduated last year after a nice Lady Dawg career, is now attending the University of Kentucky, and while attending Sunday's game at Rupp Arena, she was selected out of the UK "Eruption Zone" to take part in a contest at halftime.

During the contest Alex sank a layup, nearly hit a three pointer but air-balled an attempt from half-court. She left with a UK umbrella for her successful layup attempt.



Of course Alex is the daughter of CCHS Athletic Director and Assistant boys' coach Mike and Lisa Beard.

I spotted another former Lady Dawg on the floor last week also. Assistant Coach Jessica Cummings Conner, who was a member of the CCHS Fab Five of 2005, was putting on a little free throw shooting exhibition Saturday prior to the Lady Dawgs' game against Warren East.

The only interesting thing was that Jessica was shooting free throws with her back to the goal - in reverse fashion. She went 1-3 while I was watching

Headlines in History

December 11, 1961
First U.S. helicopters arrive in South Vietnam

1941
Germany declares war on the United States

December 12, 1917
Father Flanagan establishes Boys Town

1965
Gale Sayersties single-game TD record

December 13, 2003
Saddam Hussein captured

1862
Rebels repel Yankees at the Battle of Fredericksburg

December 14, 2012
Gunman kills students and adults at Newtown, Connecticut elementary school

1967
Blizzard ravages Navajo reservation, kills 51 in New Mexico

December 15, 1944
Legendary bandleader Glenn Miller disappears over the English Channel

1890
Sitting Bull killed by Indian police

1988
Singer James Brown begins his prison sentence for aggravated assualt

December 16, 1965
OPEC states raise oil prices

1944
Battle of the Bulge begins

1773
Sons of Liberty dump British tea

December 17, 1843
A Christmas Carol is published

1862
Grant expels Jews from Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi

1903
First airplane flies

DaVinci notebook sells for over 5 million

December 12, 1980

On this day in 1980, American oil tycoon Armand Hammer pays $5,126,000 at auction for a notebook containing writings by the legendary artist Leonardo da Vinci.

The manuscript, written around 1508, was one of some 30 similar books da Vinci produced during his lifetime on a variety of subjects. It contained 72 loose pages featuring some 300 notes and detailed drawings, all relating to the common theme of water and how it moved. Experts have said that da Vinci drew on it to paint the background of his masterwork, the Mona Lisa. The text, written in brown ink and chalk, read from right to left, an example of da Vinci's favored mirror-writing technique. The painter Giuseppi Ghezzi discovered the notebook in 1690 in a chest of papers belonging to Guglielmo della Porto, a 16th-century Milanese sculptor who had studied Leonardo's work. In 1717, Thomas Coke, the first earl of Leicester, bought the manuscript and installed it among his impressive collection of art at his family estate in England.

More than two centuries later, the notebook--by now known as the Leicester Codex--showed up on the auction block at Christie's in London when the current Lord Coke was forced to sell it to cover inheritance taxes on the estate and art collection. In the days before the sale, art experts and the press speculated that the notebook would go for $7 to $20 million. In fact, the bidding started at $1.4 million and lasted less than two minutes, as Hammer and at least two or three other bidders competed to raise the price $100,000 at a time. The $5.12 million price tag was the highest ever paid for a manuscript at that time; a copy of the legendary Gutenberg Bible had gone for only $2 million in 1978. "I'm very happy with the price. I expected to pay more," Hammer said later. "There is no work of art in the world I wanted more than this." Lord Coke, on the other hand, was only "reasonably happy" with the sale; he claimed the proceeds would not be sufficient to cover the taxes he owed.

Hammer, the president of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, renamed his prize the Hammer Codex and added it to his valuable collection of art. When Hammer died in 1990, he left the notebook and other works to the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). Several years later, the museum offered the manuscript for sale, claiming it was forced to take this action to cover legal costs incurred when the niece and sole heir of Hammer's late wife, Frances, sued the estate claiming Hammer had cheated Frances out of her rightful share of his fortune. On November 11, 1994, the Hammer Codex was sold to an anonymous bidder--soon identified as Bill Gates, the billionaire founder of Microsoft--at a New York auction for a new record high price of $30.8 million. Gates restored the title of Leicester Codex and has since loaned the manuscript to a number of museums for public display.

West Paducah, Kentucky horror

December 12, 1997

Fourteen-year-old Michael Carneal is indicted as an adult on three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder for the shooting of his classmates at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky. On December 1, Carneal pulled out a pistol and fired 11 shots into a group of students in the school's lobby.

By all accounts, Michael Carneal was a normal teenager from a solid family. He was neither exceptionally popular nor a social outcast. On December 1, when his older sister, Kelly, drove him to school, he reportedly claimed that the blanketed bundle on his lap was a prop for a school project; in fact, it contained two rifles and two shotguns. In addition, Carneal was carrying a .22-caliber pistol. The guns had all been stolen from a neighbor's garage several weeks earlier.

When he arrived at school, Carneal walked toward a before-school prayer meeting that was just breaking up, inserted earplugs into his ears, loaded the .22, and then methodically shot eight students from a distance of 10 feet. Amid the barrage, fellow student Ben Strong convinced Carneal to drop his weapon and held him down until the school's principal took the gunman away.

When asked what motivated his killing rampage, Carneal only cried and asked authorities to kill him. Later, he claimed that he was inspired by the movie The Basketball Diaries, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Families of the victims filed a $130 million lawsuit against 21 entertainment companies for their alleged role in the tragedy. Among those sued were the makers of the video games Quake and Doom. According to the litigants, Carneal had learned how to shoot accurately from playing these games.

Although charged as an adult, Carneal's young age made him ineligible for the death penalty. He pleaded guilty but mentally ill, and he was sentenced to life in prison with a possibility of parole in 25 years.

The Paducah community was remarkably kind to Carneal's family in the wake of the tragedy, offering them condolences and welcoming Kelly back to school after the incident.

Clinton County News Headlines

December 9, 1954...Volume 6...# 3

Conservation farming contest closed with supper

About 200 people attended a steak supper last Thursday night at the Albany High School cafeteria. This supper marked the end of Clinton County's Conservation Farming Contest for 1954. The meal was prepared and served by Mrs. Frank Pierce and the Future Homemakers of America.

After supper, a program was held in the gymnasium. Mr. B. A. Hubbard, member of the board of supervisors of the Clinton County Soil Conservation District served as program chairman. The invocation was given by Rev. Tom C. Nix, pastor of the Albany Baptist Church.

Prof. L. H. Robinson, Principal of Clinton County High School, delivered the welcome address. Several guests from out of the county were present and were recognized by Mr. Knox Upchurch.

The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. A. Threlkeld. He is president of the Kentucky Association of Soil Conservation Districts, and is also affiliated with several other service organizations in the state.

Mr. James K. Wisdom, Mayor of Albany, awarded a long list of prizes to farmers for an outstanding job of Soil Conservation Farming during 1954. All these prizes were contributed by the business people of Albany.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy five years old. I have been a good boy, Santa. Please, bring me a dump truck, photo-I-dent bracelet, gitfiddle, and black board. Thank you. Love Michael Ray Neal

Dear Santa Claus, I am six years old. I have been a real good boy. I go to Sunday School every Sunday and say my prayers every night, and bless the table ever day. Santa, will you please bring me a bike and anything else you think a good little boy needs. Also, some candy, fruits, and nuts too. Bring my big brother something too. We will be at Pappy Garner's house. Be sure and come dear Santa. Your little friend, Bobby Walker Tuggle

Dear Santa, How are you? I'm fine. I want a pair of cowboy boots. I want them light brown and dark brown. I want size 7. And I want a cowboy shirt that laces up in front, and I want it dark green and light green. I want size 12. Love, Dudley P. Hay

Dear Santa Claus, Me and Mike have been good boys, and I want a airplane but not like Kenneth Wisdom's, a jeep, but not a real one, and Mike wants a Donald Duck that swims in the water. Hank and Mike Chilton

Dear Santa, Please bring me an electric train, building blocks and Army set, a cap gun. Sheila wants a doll and clothes. I am five years old. Ricky Shelley

Three go for induction

Three registrants left Monday for the Armed Forces induction center in Louisville. They were Herman Dawes Lee, Gene Coulter, Charlie Edd Smith. Also, here is a Sailor's Address: Edgar Paul Warinner, AGAN 288-98-88 NAS, Muffett Field, Calif., and an Airman's Address: A/2c Howard Thrasher, AF15482775, 64th Flt. Sqd., APO 942 %PM, Seattle, Washington.

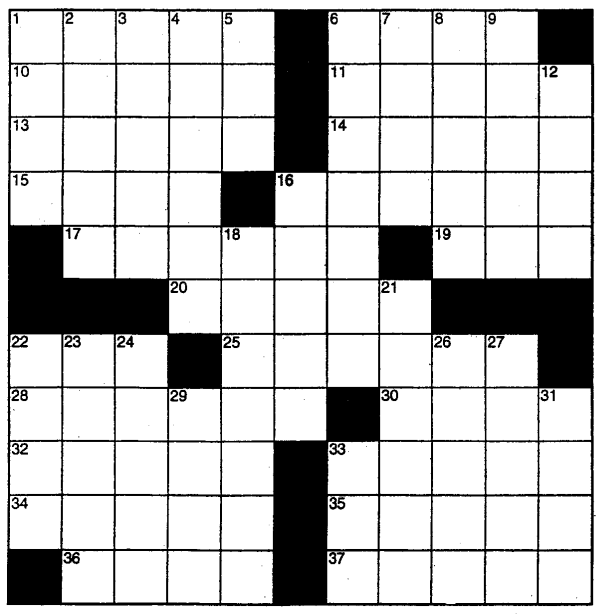
It Puzzles Me!

Original Puzzles and Word Games
by Sam Brents



HOMONYMS

21 of the words in this puzzle are homonyms--they have the same spelling as another but with a different meaning.



ACROSS

1. To slow down or marshy ground
4. A ____ car or how things ____ to be
10. A bird or a golf score
11. A nursemaid or a goat
15. A drop from the eye
16. Rich or a tributary stream
19. ___k (to go downward or a kitchen fixture)
20. Fortune teller or units of weight
22. Likely
25. A place of worship or part of the forehead
28. A man's name
30. A solemn vow
33. _____m (song of praise)

DOWN

1. To strike repeatedly or a policeman's assigned walk
2. A bird or to feed greedily
3. R_____ (collector of rags)
5. Meat from cattle or to complain
6. Not variable or a distinctive clothing
7. To travel on water or a fabric used on a boat
8. Boredom
12. To pull sharply or a Yankee
16. Set loose
18. _____r (a servant or a fee paid to a lawyer)
21. A pad used for cleaning or to live on another
22. A measure of land
23. Sixteen ounces or an enclosure for stray dogs
26. A language or a native of Latin America
27. Anesthetic
29. A contest of speed or the human ____
31. Part of the body or a headline
33. A playing card or a golf score

DOWN

1. Beat
2. Raven
3. Ragman
5. Beef
6. Uniform
7. Sail
8. Ennui
12. Yank
16. Freed
18. Retainer
21. Sponge
22. Acre
23. Pound
26. Latin
27. Ether
29. Race
31. Head
33. Ace

ACROSS

1. Brake
4. Used
10. Eagle
11. Nanny
15. Tear
16. Affluent
19. Sink
20. Seers
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Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins



Why Willie Cauley-Stein is The Man; Cards and Toppers goin' bowling

The Man.

Tribute to central character in Kentucky's perfect season so far, Willie Cauley-Stein, calls for context.

When WCS signed with Kentucky there was more Willie Who? than McDonald's ballyhoo. No press conference at Olathe Northwest High School in Olathe, Kansas, and no schmaltzy put-on-college-cap prima donna moment.

High school ratings experts(?) hurriedly labeled Cauley-Stein a basketball project who was a 7-foot wide receiver with 57 passes caught and 14 touchdowns scored his senior year.

Year I at Kentucky: Part flake, Part Cool Willie (black rimmed glasses, lopsided bleach blond hair and head band), he was relief for Nerlens Noel. WCS could block shots, but couldn't throw a free throw off the bridge at Clay's Ferry into the Kentucky River.

Year II: WCS was enjoying college, would stay in Lexington, he said. This, while his coaches recruited over him (Julius Randle, Dakari Johnson, then Karl Anthony-Towns).

Year III: Nine wins in, Kentucky's three-year-college-man is The Man.

While his coach characteristically takes the bows and issues one-liners, WCS's team is like one not seen here in half a century. In 1965 Rupp's Runts steamrolled nine pre-SEC foes, added 14 more wins in-a-row. They did it with the qualities that define Cauley-Stein – work, work, teamness, patience, seize opportunity.

Year III Extended: Cauley-Stein, The Man, is the heart of a No. 1 ranked team because, beyond the obvious – attitude, expand skills, stamina and staying power – his maturity and patience have flowered into a coach's dream guy, selfless leader-by-example.

Bottom line? Come June, Cauley-Stein will be, if not a college graduate, then close. Then he projects to be hottest name in the NBA lottery. What The Man can take to the bank, along with his first six-digit check from professional basketball, is this: "Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

I believe Willie Cauley-Stein understands the words of John Dewey, American philosopher.

NOW, FOR CAROLINA

Why Kentucky is top ranked in college hoops 10 games in? In sports parlance "it sure ain't the shootin', but it is a sure thing – defense."

Best in the nation, defense is relentlessly and in waves."

Of UK's first 10 victims, Texas shot best, 29.8 percent.

Next to the altar, North Carolina.

Once believed to be squeaky clean, Tar Heels Hoops Inc. is an embattled program under NCAA investigation for major rules violations. The Heels come to Lexington this week and deserves, well, to "have the tar beat out of 'em."

Carolina is for Kentucky Step Three in a five point march. After Carolina, UCLA is Step 4, then on to December 27 at Yum Center.

A Commonwealth's Super Bowl.

LOUISVILLE

Eight games in, Rick Pitino's Cardinals (ranked 27 RPI, 129th strength-of-schedule) played somebody-to-build-on last week. Ohio State at Yum Center was perfect – high profile program in rebuild mode in front of a full house.

To date, UofL's offense, 44 percent is adequate when coupled with a defense growing from very good to fearsome. Opponents are shooting 31.2 percent.

An eye on December 27's Super Bowl, the drama thickens – Kentucky (ranked 2 RPI) allows opponents less than 30 percent, best in the land, while the Wildcats shooters can't shoot straight. Yet.

Christmas aside, UK and UofL statisticals make for lively conversation at the local cafe.

PLAYER OF YEAR SINDELAR

When Caldwell County High quarterback Elijah Sindelar was named Gatorade Player of the Year for Kentucky last week the criteria that earned him the honor is perfect for choosing Mr. Football 2014.

Statistically, Sindelar passed for a state-best 3,600-plus yards, 49 touchdowns, and just four interceptions. Here's the best part: The Purdue-bound senior has a 4.0 grade point average; he tutors other students; and belongs to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

BOWL BOUND: UofL, WKU

Beyond the solid-for-entertainment 4-team playoff matches, the blatant chi-ching matches abound.

Among the the "ain't-worth-my-timers: Arkansas and Texas are 6-6 in the Texas Bowl; Bowling Green 7-6 and South Alabama 6-6 in the Camelia.

Among best matches: Georgia and Louisville are 9-3 in Belk Bowl. And, my favorite: Western Kentucky (7-5) and Central Michigan exiled south for a change, the Bahamas Bowl in Nassau, Christmas Eve.

'REMEMBER WHEN' DEPT.

Point making. Jack Taylor of Grinnell College holds the NCAA record for points scored in a game. Two seasons ago the 5-10, 170 guard made 52 of 108 shots (27 3-pointers) and seven of 10 free-throws, 138 points.

Comparison: Six decades ago Furman University, Paladins All-American Frank Selvy was let loose on Newberry College.

With family and friends from his hometown, Corbin in the stands on Frank Selvy Night and first college game ever televised in South Carolina, Selvy became the first college player to score triple figures.

Interestingly, while Taylor put up 108 shots, Selvy shot 66 times, made 41 (no 3-pointers in 1954), and added 18 of 22 free throws.

Selvy's last field goal came from near mid-court at the final horn. Frank Selvy Night indeed.

Epilogue : What's happened with Jack Taylor? In November 2013, D-III Grinnell defeated Crossroads College 173-123. Taylor, now a junior, scored 109.

WORTH REPEATING DEPT.

"A 13-year, $325 million contract means Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton will 'earn' $68,493 per day, year round, before taxes. That's $2,854 per hour, non-stop, around the clock. $48 a minute. In the time it took you to read the preceding, I think Stanton just made enough money to buy the Bahamas." – Greg Cote, Miami Herald.

PARTING SHOT

Dick Vitale has been on the air for ESPN for three decades. An internet story last week was headlined: Dick Vitale, 75, Says He Wants To Continue To Call CBB Games Until He's At Least 100 Years Old.

And so it goes.

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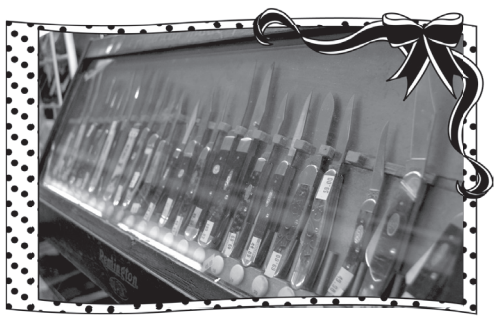


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Edelen releases Audit of Clinton County Sheriff's Tax Settlement

State Auditor Adam Edelen has released the audit of the sheriff's settlement--2013 taxes for Clinton County Sheriff Ricky Riddle. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Recent changes in auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the sheriff's settlement presents fairly the taxes charged, credited and paid of the Clinton County Sheriff in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The sheriff's settlement is prepared on the regulatory basis, which is described in the auditor's opinion letter. Regulatory basis reporting for the sheriff's settlement is an accurate reporting methodology, and this reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff settlements in Kentucky.

The audit found that the sheriff's financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited and paid, for the period, April 16, 2013 through April 15, 2014 in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

As part of the audit process, the auditor must comment on non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The auditor must also comment on material weaknesses involving the internal control over financial operations and reporting.

The audit contains the following comments:

The sheriff should deposit receipts intact on a daily basis. During the course of the audit, we noted that deposits were not made in a timely manner. Our review indicated a total of 110 deposits were made into the 2013 tax account. The auditor found that 29 of these deposits did not clear the bank within three (3) business days. In addition, the auditor noted that four (4) of the deposits took ten or more business days to clear the bank.

The sheriff lacks control over the deposit process and does not provide adequate oversight in this area.

The Department for Local Government (DLG) was given the authority by KRS 68.210 to prescribe a uniform system of accounts. The minimum requirements for handling public funds as stated in the Instructional Guide for County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual require that deposits be made daily. Additionally, the practice of making daily deposits reduces the risk of misappropriation of cash, which is the asset most subject to possible theft.

This noncompliance has been addressed in prior year audits. However, the Sheriff has not corrected this issue.

We recommend the Sheriff immediately implement controls over the deposit process to assure deposits are made daily to comply with KRS 68.210.

Sheriff's response: We will do better.

The sheriff's office lacks adequate segregation of duties over accounting functions. A lack of adequate segregation of duties exists over all accounting functions. During our review of internal controls, we noted the sheriff's bookkeeper opens incoming mail, collects tax payments, prepare deposits, prepares daily tax collection journals, and prepares monthly tax reports.

Limited budget places restrictions on the number of employees the sheriff can hire. When faced with limited number of staff, compensating controls should be in place to offset the lack of segregation of duties.

Lack of oversight could result in misappropriation of assets and/or inaccurate financial reporting to external agencies such as the Department of Revenue and other taxing districts, which cold occur but go undetected.

A segregation of duties over various accounting functions, such as opening mail, collecting cash, preparing bank deposits, preparing monthly reports or the implementation of compensating controls, when needed because the number of staff is limited, is essential for providing protection from asset misappropriation and/or inaccurate financial reporting. Additionally, proper segregation of duties protects employees in the normal course of performing their daily responsibilities.

To adequately protect against misappropriation of assets and/or inaccurate financial reporting, the sheriff should separate the duties involving the opening of mail, collecting and depositing of cash, and preparing the monthly tax reports. If, due to a limited number of staff, this is not feasible, strong oversight in these areas should occur and involve an employee not currently performing any of those functions. Additionally, the sheriff can provide this oversight. If the Sheriff does implement compensating controls, these should be documented on the appropriate source documents.

Sheriff's response: We will do better.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the auditor's website.

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Five extremely talented members of the Clinton County Band had the honor and privilege to audition and be accepted to the Honors Band 2014 at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. The students are pictured above, left to right: Carrie McClellan, Shanelle Stinson, Christan Smith, Kaylee Burchett, and Jordan Grant.

These students achieved the opportunity to rehearse and perform with world-famous composer and conductor David R. Holsinger during the three-day event in November. Holsinger is pictured above, far right.. The ensemble of which they were a part consisted of the finest musicians from Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. Congratulations to these exemplary young people.



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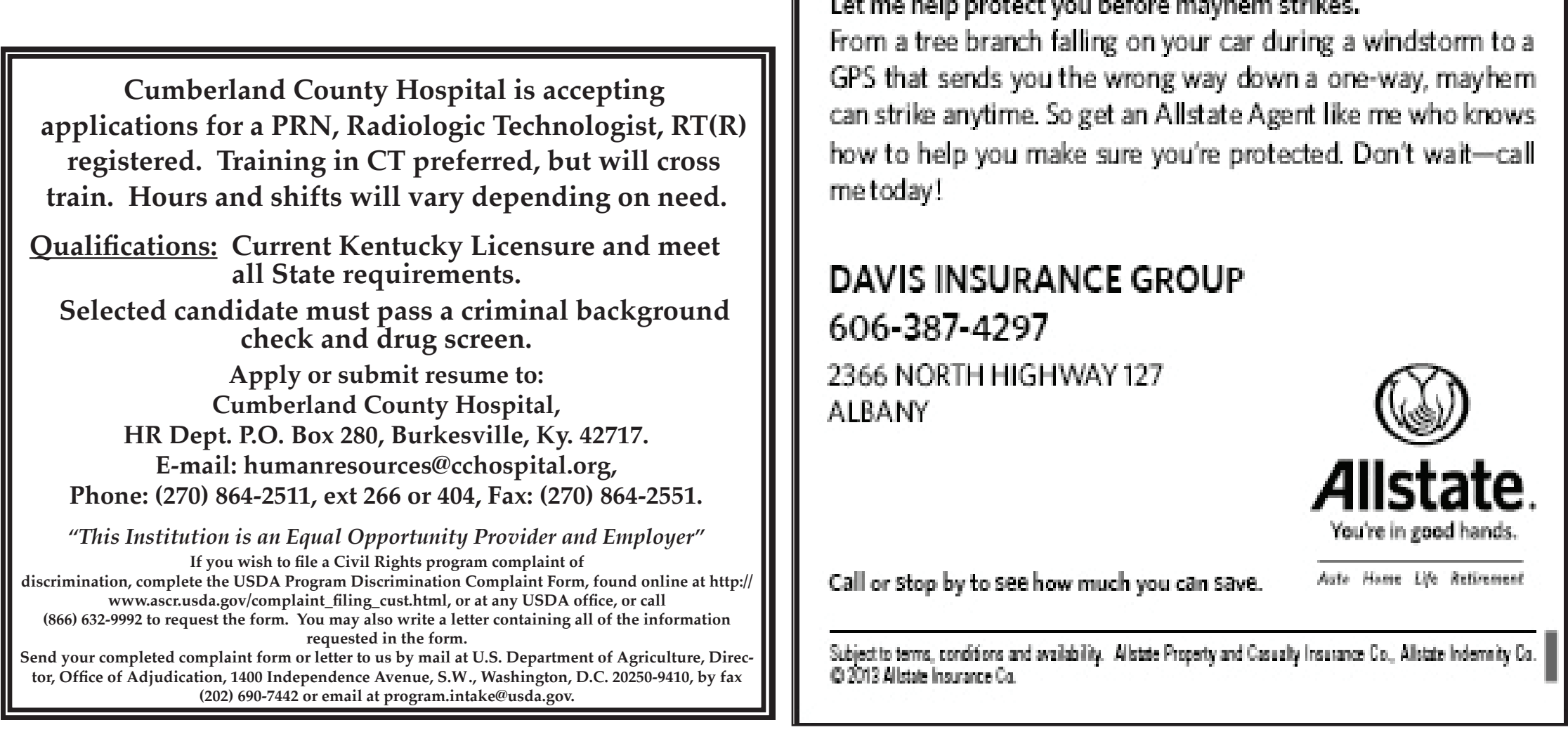
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Edelen releases Audit of Clinton County Sheriff's Office

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Recent changes in auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statement presents fairly the revenues, expenditures and excess fees of the Clinton County Sheriff in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The report found that the financial statement of the sheriff did not follow this format; however, the sheriff's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology. This reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff audits in Kentucky.

As part of the audit process, the auditor must comment on non-compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants. The auditor must also comment on material weaknesses involving the internal control over financial operations and reporting.

The audit contains the following comments:

The sheriff should account for all receipts in the appropriate accounts. The sheriff engaged in the practice of transferring funds between multiple accounts in order to cover operating expenses of his office. Our examination of receipts and disbursements indicated in January 2013, the Sheriff transferred $20,000 from the Drug Eradication account to the 2013 fee account to cover operating expenses of his office. However, in December 2013, the 2013 fee account reimbursed the Drug Eradication account to correct the error.

KRS 134.16(5) states, "Other than as permitted for investments and expenditures by this chapter, the sheriff shall not apply or use any money received by him for any purpose other than that for which the money was paid or collected."

We recommend the sheriff refrain from making loans to various accounts, and that all receipts are deposited to the appropriate accounts.

Sheriff's response: It has been paid back to the account.

The sheriff should deposit receipts intact on a daily basis. During the course of the audit, we noted that deposits were not made in a timely manner. Our review indicated a total of 175 deposits were made into the 2013 fee account. The auditor found 92 of those deposits did not clear the bank within three (3) business days. In addition, the auditor noted that twenty-five (25) of the deposits took over nine business days to clear the bank.

The sheriff lacks controls over the deposit process and does not provide adequate oversight in this area.

The Department for Local Government (DLG) was given the authority by KRS 68.210 to describe a uniform system of accounts. The minimum requirements for handling public funds as stated in the Instructional Guide for County Budget Preparation and State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual require that deposits be made daily. Additionally, the practice of making daily deposits reduces the risk of misappropriation of cash, which is the asset most subject to possible theft. Also, when deposits are not made timely, the risk that the bank account can be overdrawn is increased.

This noncompliance has been addressed in prior year audits. However, the sheriff has not corrected this issue.

We recommend the sheriff immediately implement controls over the deposit process to assure deposits are made daily to comply with KRS 68.210.

Sheriff's response: We are short handed and we will do better.

The sheriff's office lacks adequate segregation of duties over all accounting functions. A lack of adequate segregation of duties exists over all accounting functions. During our review of internal controls, we noted the sheriff's bookkeeper is responsible for opening incoming mail, receiving and recording cash, preparing of bank deposits, preparing daily checkout sheets, posting to the receipts and disbursements ledgers, and preparing financial reports.

A limited budget places restrictions on the number of employees the sheriff can hire. When faced with a limited number of staff, strong compensating controls should be in place to offset the lack of segregation of duties.

Lack of oversight could result in misappropriation of assets and/or inaccurate financial reporting to external agencies such as the Department for Local Development, which could occur, but go undetected.

Additionally, because a lack of segregation of duties existed and because the sheriff did not provide strong oversight for the office, the following occurred:

* All Receipts Were Not Accounted For In The Appropriate Year.

* Receipts Were Not Deposited On A Timely Basis.

A segregation of duties over various accounting functions, such as opening mail, recording cash, preparing bank deposits, posting transactions to ledgers, and preparing financial reports or the implementation of compensating controls, when needed because the number of staff is limited, is essential for providing protection from asset misappropriation and/or inaccurate financial reporting. Additionally, proper segregation of duties protects employees in the normal course of performing their responsibilities.

To adequately protect against misappropriation of assets and/or inaccurate financial reporting, the sheriff should separate the duties of the opening of mail, depositing of cash, posting of transactions to ledgers, and preparing financial reports. If, due to a limited number of staff, that is not feasible, strong oversight over these areas should occur and involve an employee not currently performing any of those functions. Additionally, the sheriff could provide this oversight. If the sheriff does implement controls, these should be noted on appropriate source documentation.

Sheriff's response: We are short handed in office and we are trying to do better.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the auditor's website.

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Notice is hereby given that David R. Choate, Attorney at Law, 216 E. Cumberland Street, Albany, Kentucky 42602, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Clinton Circuit Court for the purpose of informing Tiffany Poynter of the nature and pendency of a Civil Action that has been filed in the Clinton Circuit Court styled Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Commonwealth of Kentucky Vs. Tiffany Poynter, et. al., Confidential File No. 14-AD-0004.

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The family of Arnold W. Needler would like to thank Dr. Mason, Dr. Cummings and their staffs. The staff of Pickett County Care for taking such good care of him, he loved the nurses and CNAs so much. Campbell-New Funeral Home, they did such a wonderful service for Arnold. Bro. Mike Allen, the pallbearers, the food, flowers, pictures, the donations to Pickett Care in Arnold's memory, and to the 3 Tree Church for its donations of Gideon Bibles in Arnold's name.

God bless, the family

Thanks

The family of James Douglas Polston would like to thank everyone for their kindness, the food and the money that was sent to us. Also to Bro. David Stearns and the pallbearers.

The Polston, McFall family

Thanks

With gratitude, I, Pauline Conner, wish to sincerely thank everyone for their many acts of kindness during my recent hospitalization and recovery from surgery--whether it was an encouraging visit or phone call, a get well card, flowers or a delicious meal--I was humbled by the kindness of my friends and family. Also, I wish to thank each of the church congregations that added me to their prayer lists. I am truly humbled and touched to have experienced such an outpouring of love from my friends, family and community. God bless each of you.

ADAM H. EDELEN
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Lyle Huff, Clinton County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Ricky Riddle, Clinton County Sheriff
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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Sheriff of Clinton County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2013, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2013, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 31, 2014 on our consideration of the Clinton County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clinton County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2013-01 The Sheriff Should Account For All Receipts In The Appropriate Accounts
2013-02 The Sheriff Should Deposit Receipts Intact On A Daily Basis
2013-03 The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over All Accounting Functions

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
Auditor of Public Accounts

July 31, 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the Clinton County Sheriff's Settlement - 2013 Taxes for the period April 16, 2013 through April 15, 2014 - regulatory basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2013 through April 15, 2014 of the Clinton County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 09, 2014 on our consideration of the Clinton County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clinton County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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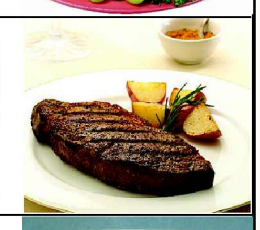
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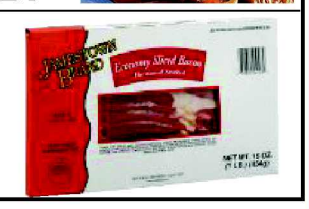
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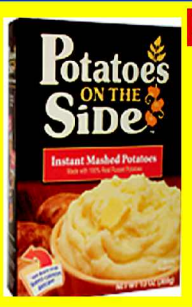
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$1.29 13 oz. box



Skillet Masters Dinners
new lower price!
99¢ 5.6 to 6.4 oz. pkg.



Stuffing on the Side
new lower price!
89¢ 6 oz. box



Pasta on the Side
new lower price!
99¢ 4.3 to 4.4 oz. pkg



Kiggins Brown Sugar or Variety Pack Instant Oatmeal
new lower price!
$1.49 13.7 to 15.1 oz. pkg.



Coburn Farms Cream Cheese
new lower price!
99¢ 8 oz. bar



Coburn Farms Creamy Whipped Topping
new lower price!
89¢ 8 oz. tub



Mrs. Smith's Classic Apple, Cherry or Pumpkin Pies
2/$5 27 oz. pkg.



Banquet Pot Pies
Assorted Varieties
new lower price!
79¢ 7 oz. pkg.



Totino's Pepperoni, Combination or Cheese Pizza Rolls
new lower price!
$2.99 19.8 oz. pkg.



Crystal 2-0 Drinking Water
was $2.89
new lower price!
$2.29



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